

A RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

**SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR A FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN AND
A BAN ON AMMUNITION MAGAZINES IN EXCESS OF TEN ROUNDS**

WHEREAS, in 1994, Congress enacted an assault weapons ban that prohibited the sale of certain semi-automatic and automatic weapons in order to reduce the levels of street violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the assault weapons ban expired by operation of law and, to this date, the assault weapons ban has not been renewed by Congress and assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines are allowed to be sold by many states, and Senator Dianne Feinstein has recently proposed reenactment in the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the incidents of mass shootings in schools and public places have increased at the same time that the overall national crime rate has been falling; and

WHEREAS, in the last several years, the amount of mass gun violence involving high capacity weapons has accelerated and communities such as Tucson, Arizona; Aurora, Colorado; Newtown, Connecticut; Clackamas, Oregon; and Virginia Tech have become synonymous with large-scale loss of life and crippling injuries; and

WHEREAS, the use of semi-automatic with large ammunition capacity allows persons intent on mass murder to cause far more deaths than would be possible if such weapons were not available; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines are not necessary for sportsmen nor home protection and constitute a demonstrated threat to the general public and law enforcement personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors calls for enactment of federal legislation banning assault weapons and ammunition magazines larger than ten rounds capacity, including, but not limited to, the weapons ban legislation proposed for adoption by Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and duly carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted on January 8, 2013.

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: MICHAEL B. POWERS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board